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## CAA MANITOBA AND BRANDON POLICE SERVICE AWARD BRANDON'S BEST PATROLS

There is no missing them when they step out on Brandon's street corners during the city's peak traffic hours. Armed with orange flags and bright yellow safety vests, CAA School Safety Patrols® help thousands of children get to and from school safely every day. Today, three schools in Brandon will be recognized as the best patrol teams in the city, as decided by CAA Manitoba and the Brandon Police Service.

"CAA Manitoba has been proud to be the national coordinator of the School Safety Patrol Program for over 65 years in our province," says Mike Mager, President and CEO of CAA Manitoba. "Many of the teams in Brandon truly exemplify what this program is all about: leadership and promoting road safety."

Throughout the school year, CAA Manitoba and the Brandon Police Service grade all patrol teams in the city on key patrol team attributes, such as communication, hand signals and professionalism at the post. The top three schools are honoured each year at a surprise assembly.

"The Brandon Police Service has been pleased to work with CAA Manitoba on this historic road safety program throughout the years," says Ian Grant, Chief of the Brandon Police Service. "Not only does it teach our children about the rules of the roads, it is also one of the best ways to learn about community service and volunteerism."

The top School Safety Patrol teams in Brandon for the 2014-2015 school year are as follows:

- **First place:** Kirkcaldy Heights School
- **Second place:** Linden Lanes School
- **Third place:** Waverley Park School

Last year, Linden Lanes took the top award, followed by Meadows and Kirkcaldy Heights.

Although all schools know they are being graded throughout the year, the list of winning schools is kept secret until a surprise assembly at each of the schools. Teachers are aware their patrol team ranked in the top three, but not where.

For over 75 years, the School Safety Patrol program has been a staple at many schools throughout Manitoba. There are currently over 13,000 patrols in the province in over 200 schools trained by local policing authorities, like the Brandon Police Service, the RCMP and the Winnipeg Police Service.

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